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Public Comment

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Effective March 1st, my email address is: emaxim@sammamish.us. Emails sent to my old email address are being forwarded temporarily, however please update your email address for me accordingly.

From: Mark Taylor [mailto:emtbckt@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 8:41 PM

To: Kamuron Gurol; Melonie Anderson; Evan Maxim

Subject: TU CAO comments

Hello, please find our letter urging the city to maintain and strengthen your CAO regulations. Regards, Mark Taylor

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Re: Proposed Updates to the City of Sammamish Critical Areas Regulations

Dear Mr. Maxim:

The Bellevue-Issaquah Chapter of Trout Unlimited (BITU) thanks you and the City of Sammamish for this opportunity to comment on your efforts to update the Critical Areas Ordinance regulations. We are encouraged by the City's efforts as a part of the Kokanee Work Group (KWG) by your commitment to recovering the Lake Sammamish Kokanee. We hope that these efforts will continue, and will be reflected in these updated regulations.

As you may know, the Lake Sammamish Kokanee are a genetically unique population that once numbered in the tens of thousands. In recent years they have been reduced to sometimes fewer than 50 spawners! While research is ongoing, we have determined that habitat is the primary cause of decline. Blockage of access to upstream spawning habitat, upstream landslides silting in spawning areas, scouring of stream beds by major rain events are some of the major culprits.

Members of the KWG including BITU, have been working to conserve, protect and restore the spawning streams which include Ebright, Pine Lake, Zacuse, and George Davis Creeks in Sammamish. Our members, an excellent partnership of federal, state, and local agencies and jurisdictions, the Snoqualmie Tribe, ngos and private citizens, have accomplished much and are pushing forward to restore the watershed for the fish. It is crucial that the work being done is protected and augmented by Sammamish. Keeping critical areas like ravines, riparian habitat and free flowing streams are necessary to the kokanee's survival. One bit of carelessness or poor planning upstream can undo the work accomplished by countless volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of ** dollars.

The CAO of the City of Sammamish are crucial to the survival of our little red fish. Please do all that you can to maintain and strengthen the protections for these areas. Thank You, Mark Taylor, Bellevue-Issaquah Trout Unlimited.

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